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TAGS: ENRG, EEC
SUBJECT: EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER'S INVITATION TO OIL
COMPANIES TO MEET: TEXACO DECLINES

REF: BRUSSELS 3549

1. ON MARGIN OF NUCLEAR TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH,
COMMISSIONER BRUNNER TOOK ME ASIDE TO EXPRESS HIS REGRET
THAT TEXACO HAD DECLINED HIS INVITATION TO MEETING WHERE
HE PLANNED TO PRESENT COMMISSION VIEWS OF REFINERY OVER-
CAPACITY PROBLEM. HE ASKED IF US COULD NOT HELP, RE-
MARKING THAT ALL OTHER US COMPANIES HAVE ACCEPTED, THAT
IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TEXACO INVOCATION OF ANTI-TRUST
CONSIDERATIONS AS REASON FOR NON-ATTENDANCE DOES NOT
SEEM CONVINCING, AND THAT TEXACO IS RISKING ITS REPUTA-
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TION AS A GOOD COMMUNITY COMPANY BY NOT COOPERATING.
BRUNNER ADDED HE STILL HAS IN MIND EVENTUAL CONSTITUTION
OF AN EC OIL INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

2. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS VIEWS AND WOULD ASK
THAT THEY BE CONVEYED TO SENIOR MANAGEMENT, BUT THAT I
SAW NO REASON FOR US GOVERNMENT TO PRESSURE TEXACO EITHER

TO ATTEND OR TO AVOID HIS MEETING.

3. COMMENT: MY INITIAL CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE DISTINCTION BEING DRAWN BETWEEN US AND EUROPEAN COMPANIES HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ALLEVIATED BY DECISION OF SOME US COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST FIRST MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUEST: INFORM SENIOR TEXACO MANAGEMENT OF BRUNNER'S VIEW. HINTON

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